

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on October 26, 2021 at the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Commissioner Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America by Commissioner Wiley.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
	1	Doug Ingles	
	2	Kathy Schmitt	
	3	Mark Wiley	
	4	Brad Benzing	
	5	Brent Leininger	

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Wiley
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2021

21-102: Amended Appointments to the Board of Canvassers

21-103: Transfer funds to the Revolving Lake Level Fund – Drains

5. Correspondence – Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:

9:10 a.m. Matt Word, Drain Commissioner – Annual Drain and Lake Level Assessment Report

9:30 a.m. Keith O'Neil, Executive Director Reading Emergency Unit – Updates

10:00 a.m. Randy Finley, Facilities Director – Courthouse Roof

8. Committee Reports:

A. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT

21-104: MCF Debt and Apportionment

21-105: Pay Increase for Elected Officials and Chief Deputies, Friend of the Court Administrator, District Court Administrator/Attorney Magistrate and Juvenile Administrator/Referee

21-106: Pay Increase for Appointed Officials and their Deputies

Discussion: Premium Pay

ARPA Consultant Contract

B. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER

C. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING

21-107: 2022 Ambulance Millage Distribution

21-108: Job Description – 911 Director

Discussion: 911 Director's Salary

D. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES

E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY

Discussion: Region 2 Planning Commission Invoice 2022 Membership

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Tim Shaw, Keith O'Neil, Tim Martin, John Schelling, Matt Word, Erin Friskney and Jim Graves.

Under Public Comment, Tim Martin from K and T Construction gave an update on the work being done on the façade at the Jail.

Tim Shaw, Somerset Township Supervisor commented on ARPA Money and issues they are having with the Road Commission.

Jim Graves commented on the Road Commission.

C/Leininger moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Schmitt moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the removal of Resolutions 21-105 and 21-106.

Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:11 a.m. Matt Word, Hillsdale County Drain Commissioner, reviewed the 2021 Drain and Lake Level Assessments with the Board. There was some discussion.

C/Leininger moved to accept the 2021 Drain and Lake Level Assessments Report and place it on file.

Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:23 a.m. Mr. Word finished and exited along with Ms. Friskney.

Keith O'Neil, Executive Director Reading Emergency Unit, gave an update on REU's Ambulance service.

9:31 a.m. Mr. O'Neil finished.

John Schelling, Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Board with some sample tiles for the Courthouse Roof.

9:32 a.m. Randy Finley entered.

Mr. Finley and Mr. Schelling answered questions regarding the different types of roofing available. There was also discussion on their request to move forward in order to go out for Bids in January 2022.

9:37 a.m. Nick Wheeler entered.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Finley and Mr. Schelling return to the next meeting with some answers to the Boards questions. The Board will decide then how they would like to proceed.

9:49 a.m. Mr. Finley and Mr. Schelling finished and exited.

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 21-104: The Spreading of Taxes for 2021 Medical Care Facility Capital Improvement Bond. Second by C/Leininger. Roll Call Vote: C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

There was much discussion regarding an ARPA Consultation Contract that would not exceed \$50,000. C/Schmitt stated that she felt that the Board needed this guidance in regards to spending any of the ARPA money. There was a very lengthy discussion ranging from the consulting contract to premium pay for the employees to broadband. It was the consensus of the Board to hire the consulting firm with regards to spending ARPA money.

C/Schmitt gave an update on other items under her committee.

C/Leininger gave an update on items under his committee.

10:53 a.m. Mr. O'Neil exited.

10:55 a.m. Mr. O'Neil re-entered.

11:02 a.m. recess.

11:08 a.m. back in session.

C/Benzing moved to approve Resolution 21-107: The distribution schedule of the Ambulance Millage Monies as recommended by the Ambulance Association. Second by C/Ingles. There was some discussion. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

11:12 a.m. Mr. Martin exited.

C/Benzing moved to approve Resolution 21-108: The job description for the 911 Director. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Benzing presented the Board with a request to increase the 911 Director's wage to \$62,000. He stated that the 911 Board feels that with the retiring of the current director that they do not believe they can find a new director at the current wage. C/Benzing reminded the Board that the wages for the Director do not come from the General Fund but through the 911 surcharge. There was a very lengthy discussion on this issue and whether or not they want to combine the 911 Director and the Emergency Management Director. It was the consensus of the Board to combine the positions of 911 Director and Emergency Management.

C/Ingles moved to set the 911 Director's salary at \$56,781. Second by C/Leininger. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No (C/Benzing). CARRIED

C/Benzing gave an update on other items under his committee.

C/Ingles gave an update on items under his committee.

12:04 p.m. Mr. Graves exited.

C/Wiley gave an update on some items of interest.

Under Public Comment, Mr. Shaw commented on stipulations that may be associated with the ARPA money for example having to be vaccinated in order to receive any money. He also commented on ambulance transfers from the hospital.

12:20 p.m. Mr. Shaw and Mr. O'Neil exited.

C/Benzing moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion Attorney Client Privilege regarding recent law suits. Second by C/Schmitt. Roll Call Vote: C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger - Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

12:33 p.m. back in session.

12:33 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
Count Clerk